

**UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement  
2012 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTES FOR SCHOLARS**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City is pleased to announce the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for scholars in 2012. University faculty and scholars who wish to apply for these programs are invited to complete the attached application form and send it to PAS by **Monday, December 5, 2011**. Selections will be announced in early April, 2012. This announcement is applicable to candidates who live in the provinces of Vietnam from Thua Thien-Hue to the south.

**Program Overview**

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) are intensive, post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture, and institutions. Knowledge and experience gained from these programs are expected to help the participants to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in their own universities and institutions when they return to their home countries.

Each program will host 18 participants from different countries around the world and will take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June, 2012. All participant costs, including program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, housing and subsistence, books, mail, and incidental allowances will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. We hope to nominate one university lecturer or one scholar from Vietnam for each of the programs below:

***1. Contemporary American Literature***

The SUSI on Contemporary American Literature will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American literature. Its purpose is twofold: to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres and to suggest how the themes explored in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary American society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the traditions of the American literary canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition and are establishing new directions for American literature. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by the University of Louisville.

***2. Journalism and Media***

The SUSI on Journalism and Media will provide a multinational group of 18 journalism faculty and other related scholars with a deeper understanding of the role of journalism and the media in U.S. society. It will examine major topics in journalism, including journalistic ethics and the responsibility to protect the public interest. The institute will cover strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight technology's impact on journalism, addressing the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of

satellite television and radio networks, and other advances in media that are transforming the profession. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by Ohio University.

### **3. *U.S. Foreign Policy***

The SUSI on U.S. Foreign Policy will provide a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of how U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will focus on United States Foreign Policy with emphasis on how each entity shapes U.S. perspectives and action on international issues. The four-week academic residency program will be complemented by two weeks of study tours of diverse, foreign policy-making institutions in Chicago and Washington, D.C. The Institute program will also include day trips to Orlando, Tampa, Tallahassee, and historic St. Augustine, Florida. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by the University of Florida.

### **Candidate Qualifications**

Eligible candidates for the Study of the United States Institutes must:

- typically be between the ages of 30-45;
- have at least 3 years of experience in related fields;
- preferably have graduate degrees and substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute;
- have little or no prior experience in the United States;
- be comfortable with campus life and willing and able to fully take part in an intensive, post-graduate level academic program and study tour;
- have good command of English.

### **Application**

Eligible candidates are invited to submit online complete application form at <https://sites.google.com/site/susiforscholars/home> no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, December 5, 2011**. Hard copies of applications and supporting documents (degrees, certificates, etc., with notarized English translations if in Vietnamese) and any questions regarding the institutes should be sent by post to the following address by the same deadline.

The SUSI for Scholars Program  
Public Affairs Section  
United States Consulate General  
4 Le Duan Street, District 1  
Ho Chi Minh City  
Tel: (84) (8) 3520-4618  
Email: [NguyenLH2@state.gov](mailto:NguyenLH2@state.gov)